bly \$50,000 more. Moreover, the hall was

would give ample space to take the build-ing off the street, and which would possess

ing off the street, and which would possess the advantages of an open and central loca-tion and prespect, such as the Swan-Tavern lot or the junction of Ninth and Broad, which is by far the best point yet named? There would still remain a sufficient sum—

over \$200,000—with which to build, and my observations have shown me that that

sum is quite ample to give us a half not only large enough but handsome enough to

satisfy any one not unreasonably disposed. To go the other way and crowd a superfine

structure into the narrow limits of the old hall lot, where Ford's Hotel, the Second

Presbyterian church, and the State Capito

Brief News Items.

Dakota Territory is four times as big as

Ohio, and Alaska is four times as big as

Dakota, and the rest of the United States

s four times as big as Alaska. This is a

Colorado's enthusiastic papers claim that

A special dispatch from Carrollton, Ill.

says: "William Pope attempted to obtain a reconciliation with his wife near Wood-

ville, but his advances were repelled. He

A special dispatch from Nevada, Mo.

ays: John Smith shot James Blue while he latter was on the roof of his own

ouse. Blue, as soon as he descended

eized a shot-gun and opened fire upon

A dispatch from Cettinge, Montenegro

says a reign of terror exists in the vilayet of Kossovo, in Albania. The Arnauts are murdering the Christians, and all of the

latter who can get away are fleeing from the country. The Turkish officials connive at the outrages on the Christians, and have arrested and exiled a number of priests.

In the Ipek district ninety-two persons have been murdered. Twenty-three vil-tages have been abandoned.

The proprietor of the Abbottsford Hotel

at Long Branch recently contracted to give board and lodging to a band of Virginia and Texas colored jubilee singers, but when they made their appearance the white guests notified the landlord that they would all leave if he received the colored

would all leave if he regeived the colored

ame is Hitaro Balsan, and he is in com-

ortable circumstances. He is known in

the south of France as an intrepid swim

mer, and has made many perilous jour-neys. His theory is that the secret of

swimming the rapids is knowing how to

plunge. He says he will swim the whirl

Another case of a baby going on an ex-

phie Schmeelk, and she is only four years old. Her father lives at Rockaway, at

east half a mile from the steamboat land-ing, and yet she strayed on board the boat

with a crowd of passengers and was taker to New York. A citizen found her tod

dling about the boat with no claimant. He took her to the lost children's department.

and the next morning her father reclaimed

Two tramps entered the house of Mr.

Farrel, a farmer, near Lectonia, Ohio while the head of the house was away,

w days since, and while one of them held

a pistol at Mrs. Farrel's head the other ran-sacked the house and placed in a bag,

which they afterwards took away with

them, all that was valuable. To add to their dastardly assault they took a pair of

shears and cut Mrs. Farrel's hair off close

o her head. A search was at once insti

tuted for the rascals as soon as the robbery

was made known, and they were tracked

to New Waterford, but here all trace of

The Supervising Inspector-General of Steam Vessels reports that during the fiscal

vear ended June 30, 1883, the total number

of accidents resulting in loss of life was or, of which 12 were from explosions, 5 from

fire, 11 from collisions, and 6 from snags, wrecks, and sinking. The total number of

lives lost by accidents from various causes during the year was 284, of which 69 were

rom explosion or accidental escape of team, 82 from collisions, 45 from fires, 50

rom wrecks or founder, 33 from accidental

drowning, and 5 from other causes. As

ompared with the previous year the num

ber of accidents to steamers was less, while

A New Bedford, Mass., telegram of the

24th says: The tug Nellie, with a diver on

board, made a second visit to the sunker vacht on the Hen-and-Chickens reef this

dternoon, taking several friends of the crew of the yacht Mystery. The wreck was easily found, and the diver went down.

Upon rising he reported that the wreck

was that of the missing yacht Mystery, he having read her name on the stern. He

boat-hook, and secured two coats, one overcoat, and a blue sack-coat from the

found a note-book belonging to Rupert Sargent. There are two theories as to the

cause of the accident, one of which is that

she was capsized, and the other that she

struck on the reef, and was making for the

opposite shore when she sunk. The tug succeeded in towing the wreck for some

distance, but the line parted. Another at-

empt to bring the wreck into port will be

The Public Schools

The Dispatch is very right in its reply to the Valley Virginian. The Lynchburg Convention could not have set forth better

than it has our views on the public-school question. We are in favor of separate es

ablishments in toto. Let the colored minis

ters of the gospel, who are in general good and honest and intelligent negroes, take

made to-morrow.

down for the second time with a

In the pocket of one coat was

the loss of life was greater.

accidents resulting in loss of life was 34,

herself cursion all by herself occurred in New York on Tuesday last. Her name is So

occurred in New

ool or die in the attempt.

Smith. Both parties were wounded fatally

then shot her and himself.'

great country.

## Richmond Dispatch.

SUNDAY......AUGUST 26, 1883.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH ARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU-ON OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-ERS OF THE CITY.

> d at the Post-office at Richmond. Va., at md-class matter. 1

It would appear that OSCAR WILDE'S Nihilistic play, "Vera," is a veritable ni-

No, there is no presidential candidate stopping at the City spring. We have not heard from Buchanan spring. The Washington Republican says the

Republican platform always has the "genuine ring." We grant you; and that's exactly what the people propose to break up. No wonder a foreigner has a hard time getting along with our vernacular. In the

in the South it is a political outrage. Mrs. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE made fortune out of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," yet we have never heard that she has returned

North the killing of a negro is a homicide;

ten cents to any conscience fund. The New York Times says B. F. BUTLER must go. We were under the impression that BEN had already gone-for the Massa-

to shoe a mule. It is probable that when the arnica has done its work the Senator will give a lecture on mule dynamics.

chusetts Republican rascals.

Mr. HENRY JAMES complained recently that there were no ruined castles in this country. True, but we have more ruined slates than any other country on the face of the globe.

An exchange says: "Mr. HENRY George's ideas of running this Government are singular." Not at all. There are a good many people who would like to run this Government themselves.

"English sparrows were first introduced into this country by a man named Dunois, who lived in Portland, Me." That was before the death-penalty was restored, we

An exchange speaks of a club of female base-ballists as "lady devotees of the diamond." Will our contemporary tell us when there were not lady devotees of the diamond?

"Mrs. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE Says that the novels of the day lack romantic interest." We have known Mrs. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE'S idea of "romantic interest" to be tersely and vigorously expressed by another name.

The New York Tribune says: " A few days ago a Confederate regnion in Kentucky was held in tents furnished by the United States War Department." Twenty years ago this was a common occurrence, particularly when BANKS was around.

The Baltimore American says: "It's fun to stand off and see the Democrats fighting over the speakership." We can't exactly see where the fun comes in from your standpoint, for no matter how the fight turns out the Republicans will get a black

"As long as my health and strength remain I do propose to uphold the fair fame of this glorious old town !" remarked Sul-LIVAN as he took another gin-sling and wiped up the floor with the heavy-weight champion of a sister city. Sullivan knows what the fair fame of Boston consists in.

"Particulars of the Yosemite stage-rob bery show that one of the passengers, ; Knight Templar, was robbed of \$325 and a gold watch." Really it is coming to a pretty pass that a Knight of the Road robs a Knight of Rhodes, particularly when the latter could not refuse to recognize the

The Boston Herald, commenting on the statement of a camp-meeting preacher that the "wicked angels were glad when the newspapers recorded the fall of a good man," asks, "which papers do the wicked angels read?" We don't know certainly. but suppose they prefer their home organs-the Boston Republican papers.

A Maine paper says that the restoration of the death penaity in that State does not seem to have decreased the criminal reeord, and that since the act was passed there have been about a score of deadly assaults. Of course. There had not been a banging down in Maine for so long the people didn't know how it felt, and with the usual Yankee inquisitiveness wanted

A Troy, N. Y., correspondent of the New York Times says: "Not only have the mountains hidden illicit distilleries, but the barns, cellars, wood-sheds, and various other out-buildings of farmers and business-men have been found to contain the 'worm' and the still." Now we can understand the Times's affection for the Internal-Revenue Bureau. By keeping public attention on "moonshining and lawlessness in the South," as reported by the internal-revenue officials, it is enabled to get its own Jersey lightning for a mere song.

## The City-Hall Site, Again. RICHMOND, August 24, 1883.

To the Editor of the Inspatch :

Please allow me a word on the City-

While in the North recently I took occar sion to inquire a little into affairs of this sort, and my investigations convinced me sort, and my investigations convinced me that Richmond is in danger of making a huge mistake. I found on my return home that the old site on Eleventh street had as good as been decided upon. regard-less of the very evident preponderance of popular favor in another direction. If Richmond squeezes her municipal headquarters into this confined space she will be as far behind other cities of equal size and prosperity in this respect as she al-ready is in the matter of the electric light,

charge of their schools as trustees, appoint their teachers, and receive their share of the money coming to them, dividing the school fund on the basis of the annual attendance of pupils. This, we think, ought to settle the question for all time, and satis-factorily to both races. It would surely prevent that most deplorable of all things for both races, and which would not fail with as much as socious to the control of the contr Troy, N. Y., (not so large as Richmond,) there is a City Hall, built quite recently, which cost, I was told, less than \$100,000 exclusive of the ground, which cost proba-

## DAILY DISPATCH

RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1883---SUPPLEMENT. VOL. LXIV.

> LEAVES FROM THE PAST. ANOTHER VIRGINIA ANTIQUARIAN HEARD FROM.

by \$00,000 more. Moreover, the hall was built under the rule of a conscienceless, grasping ring known as the "Murphy ring," which, of course, did not cheapen the cost. The building is a large one—fully equal to the demands of Richmond—and is handsome enough to satisfy any reasonable unwesthetic person. It is not built of marble or brownstone, however, but only of brick, and therefore might not satisfy some of our people who have lived in log-huts all their lives and never see any brownstone except when they take a stroll up Franklin street. When I mentioned to a gentleman in the City Hall in Troy the amount appropriated here he expressed omething More About the Mysterious Old Stone House-The Devil's Wood-Yard-Some Interesting Points About Old Blissland Parish-Ancient Epitaphs.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

In last Sunday's issue of the Dispatch your Williamsburg correspondent "W." writes of a visit recently made by him to a gentleman in the City Hall in Troy the amount appropriated here he expressed surprise at the magnitude of it, and asked me if we had the "Vanderbilt craze."

Now my point is this: Why should not the sum named be so divided as to allow of the requisite amount being expended in the purchase of a suitable site, one which would give ample space to take the build. the Old Stone House in James City county, and gives an interesting description of this "mysterious relic of colonial days." His picture of the ruin and its wild surroundngs has not been overdrawn. This writer has spent many hours on the wild, weird spot—not, however, in searching for Blackbeard's buried treasure, but in endeavor-ing to recall the traditions connected therewith, and in speculating upon the origin and history of the Old Stone House.

Before the war the "Devil's Wood-

Yard," surrounding the building, was a primeval forest, so dense and dark in its deep gorges that it was a favorite hiding-place for runaway slaves. Local tradition made it the scene of many mysterious oc-currences, and deeds of blood are said to have been enacted in its unexplored re-

superstitious avoided the place where it was said the ghosts of Blackbeard's murdered victims walked in the dim day-light and held high carnival when the shadows changed to gloom.

In 1865 the north and east walls of the

Presbyterian church, and the State Capitol would completely screen it from view, would be simply foolish. It would be like framing a handsome engraving without any margin, which is an illustration, I think, all will understand. As the Council are but the servants of the people, they should pay some attention to the wishes of the people. Respectfully, G. W. C. tone House were in a good state of preservation, and the chimney at the end next to York river showed but little dilapidation. Many names, dates, and initials were carved in the stones, but most of the dates were comparatively modern. One, however, over the fire-place, thus : "J, Mon-1775," left little room for doubt that it wa carved by James Monroe, afterwards Presi-dent of the United States, when he was a student at William and Mary College. The name was probably written out in full, but containing the last three letters Manitou, Poncha, Pogasa, and Wagon Wheel will within the next ten years be the great resorts of the wealth and fashion of the world.

had been displaced.
Your correspondent "W." revives the tradition that the house was built by the famous, or rather infamous, pirate Blackbeard. This, however, is nothing more than tradition without a particle of historical authority to support it. This theory of construction robs the ruin of much of its credit for antiquity. Blackbeard "ravaged the seas" about the years 1717'-18, and the Stone House probably antedates this period by fully one hundred years.

In Howe's History of Virginia there is cut representing the house, and it also contains several pages descriptive of the ruin. The author quotes from an article written by C. C. (Charles Campbell, Esq.), in which that writer adduces proof wellnigh conclusive that this "fort" was built by Captain John Smith as early as 1608-'9. If his theory of its origin is correct, then the stone house is the only remaining material

monument of the labor and enterprise of the "Father of Virginia," and it is the ruin of the oldest house built by English hands in America. Howe, in 1845, erroneously locates the ruin in New Kent county As stated by "W.," it is on the lower side of Ware creek, and consequently in Jame City county. It was in New Kent until the year 1766, when the eastern boundary of tha year 1766, when the eastern boundary of that county was changed from Scimino creek to Ware creek. And just here it will be ob-served that "W," gives to this latter creek the spelling adopted in our recent statutes. The proper spelling is not Weir, but Ware. The creek was named for Robert Ware, would all leave if he regeived the colored served that "W," gives to this latter creek troupe. He therefore told, the manager of the company that he would rather that he would find accommodations elsewhere. The proper spelling is not Weir, but Ware. The troupe accordingly engaged board at a colored boarding-house near by, but legal proceedings are threatened.

in the Old Dominion. It was formed in 1654, and extended from Scimino creek. some distance below Williamsburg, to the eads of the Pamunkey and Mattapon rivers, and thence down on the north side to Poropotank creek, embracing within these bounds the lands included in its preent limits, the counties of Hanover, Kin William, King and Queen, and a portion of James City and Caroline. The was divided into three parishes. The Meade says: "On the north of the York and Pamunkey rivers there was a parish called St. John's, and on the sou alled St. Peter's. About the year 1684 o 1685 a parish east of St. Peter's, on P. nunkey and York rivers, was formed by the name of Blissland, which continued to ave a minister until after the Revolution-

He further says, page 388: "Of Blissland parish a few words will uffice for the little we have to say of this. No vestry-book remains to tell its history What has become of its churches m unable to say, Perhaps I may yet

In the appendix inserted on the last page of volume two of the second edition of his

work he continues: "Since the first edition of this book have received a fragment of the vestry-book of this (Blissland) parish \* \* \*. The services of its ministers are supposed to have been divided between Warren church, so called from the swamp of that name about ten miles below New Kent Court-house, which has entirely disappeared, and Hickory Neck church, in James City coun

y, which is still standing."
It will be perceived that Bishop Meade gives the year 1684 or 1685 as the date of the formation of Bussland parish, and states that it was formed from St. Peter's parish. Blissland parish certainly existed efore the dates here given, as the follow ing extracts will show, and it is probable that St. Peters was formed from it.

In the 1st volume Calender of Virginia. State Papers, page 11, a copy of the follow-

ing document may be found :
"At a Gen'l Court held at James City April 29th, 1679-present, &c., \* - the Parish of Blissland petitioning yt, by manimous consent of ye whole parish division by sufficient men by them chosen is made of ye s'd, p-'ish, and praying that ve Division be confirmed, and flowre of ve estry appearing and affirming that ye Di vision was made by consent of ye parish, this court therefore confirmed the s'd Di-

"Ver. cop. teste: W. P. EDWARDS, c'Pk

Gen'l C't. That Blissland was the mother parish of the county is more than probable, and thi view is strengthened by the fact that the first settlements were made in the lower end, or that portion of the county nearest to "James City" (Jamestown) and Williamsburg.

While on a recent visit to lower New While on a receast visit is lower sew.

Kent the writer determined to ascertain, if possible, the exact location of the church alluded to by Bishop Meade, Accompanied by Mr. A. P. Richardson, who is probably better acquainted with the country than any other inhabitant, search was first made for Warren church. Its exact location is known to but few, and it was only after persistent questioning that Old Peter, an octogenarian darky, was "brought to his remembrance," and piloted by him through thick undergrowth, the spot was finally

The site selected for the church is on The site selected for the church is on a commanding eminence about two miles a west of Eltham. On the brow of the hill, in a beautiful grove of oaks, were seen unmistakable evidences which marked the spot where, more than two hundred years ago, our forefathers met to worship God. Portions of the foundation walls still remain, and the form and size of the building could easily be traced. The church was built of English bricks, and was 36 by 50 feet, with a transept at the northern end 50 feet, with a transept at the northern end 25 by 20 feet.

The epitaphs on these stones are as fol-"Here lies interred the body of Mr.

John Long, of Ramsgate, in the county of Kent, in Great Brittain, late commander of the ship John and Mary, who departed this life the 24th of July, 1736, aged twenty five years."

Above this epitaph is the coat-of-arms which the writer will not attempt to de-scribe in technical language, because he does not know how to do so. It repre-sents a helmet with flowing plume resting on a shield, in the centre of which is a lion rampant. No motto or other device than that described can be perceived. The

"Here lyeth interred the body of Doctor Thomas Arnott, who departed this life the 29th day of January, 1745, aged thirty-

Here, as at the Stone House, the work of the "vandal hand" may be seen. The old church has been entirely demolished, and all the whole bricks above the surface of the earth, even those supporting the tombstones, have been carted away. These bricks, imported from beyond the seas to serve the pious purpose of erecting a tem-ple for the Lord, have all been "appropriated" to serve the "utilitarian spirit of he age" in paving a barnyard or erecting

a kitchen chimney.

The church at Hickory Neck, in Jame City county, about twelve miles from Wil-liamsburg, is still standing and well preserved. Around this church there are two tombstones of black marble containing the following inscriptions:

"Here lies interred the body of Col

John Taliaferro, of Snow Creek, in the county of Spottsylvania, who departed this life the third day of March, A. D. 1744, in the 57th [or 87th] year of his age. He left issue 2 sons and 3 daughters."

The second reads:
"Here lies the body of Lawrence Taliaerro, son of Col. John Taliaferro, of Snow Creek, in Spottsylvania county, who de-parted this life the first day of May, 1748. n the 27th year of his age. He married Susan Power, daughter of Maj. Henry Power, of James City county, and left issue

Much more might be written of other places of interest in this section of the State—of Eltham, the seat of the Bassetts, where George Washington and his charm-ing bride were entertained by an oldtime "dining" on the day succeeding their marriage; of the Brick House opposite West Point, the seat of the Lewises and later of the Robinsons, with its deseerated family vault, and the solitary tomb-stone in a corn-field of Captain John King. who was buried in 1701; but this commi nication is already too lengthy, and pro ably is enough of the past to be of interest to those of the busy, bustling present. D. C. R.

ALLEGHANY SPRINGS. AMUSEMENTS AND PEOPLE AT THIS PLEASANT

WATERING-PLACE, ETC. ALLEGHANY SPRINGS, August 24, 1883.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: The usual series of literary entertainments and masquerades has begun here. A few nights since Miss Marle Bowen, of Richmond, favored us with a reading and framatic recitation. The pieces selected were from standard authors, and were very

Twice a week there is a "full-dress gernan," and to those who know what the ghany" can do when they "spread them-elves" at such times it is unnecessary to remark that they are most brilliant and successful affairs. On such occasions all their available belles and beaux are contributed by the Montgomery White, the Blue Ridge, and other adjacent springs, his solitaire diamond of the mountains,

Summering here are 500 persons—fugi-tives from the heat and malaria of all sec-tions of the Union. Every phase of political and religious faith is represented, and yet there is no jarring, no discord, among the constituent elements of the society. We have discussion without rancor, poli ics without partisanry, and religion without bigotry. Among the distinguishe guests General Jubal Early is conspicuous His once erect form has been bowed by the hand of rheumatism, but his eye is no dimmed nor his natural force abated. H is constantly the centre of a circle of listeners, whom he delights with alternat eminiscences and anecdotes of war and th oiping times of peace.

In a shady corner of the lovely lawn the cozy studio of Miss Nellie Binckley, of Lynchburg, who has consecrated her life and talents to the service of art. It is visited daily by numbers of guests, who after feasting the eye on the creations of pencil and brush, turn to linger with deeper pleasure on the daintier work of nature in the face of the fair young artist. Richmond has sent, as usual, a large and omely delegation of ladies. When one sees the number of beautiful women here ssembled it is difficult to decide to whom

to award the golden apple.

Among the visitors from Richmond are Mrs, Blount Mason, Mrs, Charles Early and amily, Mrs. Thomas Potts, Mr. Allen Potts, Mrs. J. E. Moore and daughters, Miss Dora Allison, William E. Tanner and the Misses Tanner, Colonel Charles E. Wortham and amily, C. Doggett and family, Miss Caba namoy, congre B. McAdams and family, John Lottier and family, Miss Mary Cooke Branch, Dr. R. G. Cabell, Jr., and family. W. R. Bowie and family, Josiah Ryland and wife, Mrs. Dr. Wortham, Miss Julia Mayo, A. D. Walkins and family, Charles Watkins, Mrs. Dr. Dupuy, Miss Su Doughty and the Misses Hanewinckel, F. W. and E. Hanewinckel, Mrs. Jesse Child

others whose names I cannot recall. H. M. Miss Churchill Recognized.

and family, Miss Bolling, Miss Lazain

HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF BLACKMAILERS. A St. Louis dispatch says: There is still reat excitement over the mysterious disppearance of Mary Churchill. The first eliable information received from her was

secured this morning from Nieholas Al-pers, an tec-cart driver. He says: "I bave driven an ice-wagon around this district bree summers, and I know Mary Churchill three summers, and I know Mary Churchill well, having seen her around this house and out in the yard on an average of three days in the week. Monday morning about 5 o'clock I was driving along Fourteenth street, and when I got near Chestnut saw street, and when I got near Chestnut saw an open hack containing two young men and Mary Churchill.

Entryson and H. L. Hill, of Richmond; and Rev. John O. Turpin, Rev. J. B. Askew, and Mr. James G. White, of King William. "She was on the rear seat, and sitting

opposite were two sporting-looking characters, both young. The driver had Irish ters, both young. The driver had Irish features, wore a large moustache, and appeared to be about twenty-eight years old. I know it was Mary, becauseshe looked up at me and recognized me. The hack was driven down Chestnut street to Twelfth, and then north on Twelfth. All the way deficient constitutions the young ledy looked back at me. down the young lady looked back at me, and I wondered what she was doing out so early and in such company."
"Did she have a hat on?" Colone

"Yes; it was a wide straw hat with white plumes, and she wore a white dress with little blue dots in it."

The course of the wall which surrounded the church could also be traced. It enclosed something more than half an acre, which was the burial-ground, and two well-preserved granite slabs marked the spot where two sleepers slept.

There are probably other tombstones, but if so they have been covered by the leaves and trees and débris of more than a century.

Churchill, producing his daughter's photograph.

"That is the girl." "Yes, sir."

The Colonel showed Alpers a piece of the girl's dress, and he identified that also. It is now believed that the girl has fallen into the hands of the same band of blackmailers that enticed Zeraida Garrison from her home and then offered to reveal her hidingsplace for \$500 That is the girl." 1es, sir."

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THE HEALING.

PICTURE OF DESPAIR-A CURE FOR THE PO-LITICAL BORE-SOME OF THE GUESTS-A RAD CASE OF POETRY. [Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

HEALING SPRINGS, August 24, 1883. A young man with an eighteen-carat, warranted to keep in any climate, look of agony on his face, and a frayed cigarette that looked like a dilapidated dude in his mouth, sat under one of the great oaks on the lawn this morning, and him I inter-viewed. "My friend," said I, "you look like the fag-end of a frosty summer. What's the matter?" "Matter! Matter! Well. the matter?" "Matter! Matter! Well, to begin with, my best girl has thrown me aside with a mocking laugh that had the hollow romance of personified sarcasm, and then Dr. Ford struck me with one of my own bad jokes and injured by tempest-tossed cerebellum. Say, how deep is the big spring?" The young man will not die. The spirits take care of such as he and work over-time doing it. He is the only unhappy man in the place. The scenery is too grand and the place. The scenery is too grand and inspiring, the company too genial, and Mr. Eubank too hospitable for anybody here to feel bad or blue. The wicked bore, who makes life as sweet as a spoiled oyster for congressmen, as soon as he reaches here stops discussing the tariff or Virginia poli-

jury would acquit me of being a poet with-out leaving their seats. I wish I were both, so that I might paint this Eden for you. I have tossed around on this little ball of mud, trees, tears, tartff-bills, and green apples not a little, and a more picturesque place than this I have yet to find. The tow-ering mountain heaped in beauteous conusion; the deep, rich verdure; the sparkling, healing, soothing springs; the deep, romantic gulches, with great silver rifts of unshine making broad aisles of light under the foliage that shades their masses, al serve to make a picture that feasts the eye gladdens the heart, and elevates the mind

SOME OF THE GUESTS.

This has been a most successful seaso here. Guests have been turned away from inability to find room for them. The dance goes on apace in the evening; the delicious and giddy waltz, and the stately lancers and giddy waitz, and the stately lancers, nightly give joy to the young of both sexes. Amongst the guests here I note the sylph-like form and genial face of your friend, Dr. Ford, of Washington, D. C. His amiable wife and son accompany him. The Doctor is "a thing of beauty and joy forever." That pleasant account of the property of t sant and accomplished young gentleman Mr. Archie Cone, of your city, is also here. Mr. Cone spends a perilous existence amid showers of Cupid's flaming darts. He says he is fire-proof. Mr. J. W. Law, the best fisherman of Danville, fishes daily. He expects to catch two crawfish before he leaves. He has already caught a deep affection. The departing guests shed the salt and briny tear whea parting with the good and accomplished Mr. Burfoot, and send telegraphic messages for no other purpose than the pleasure of conversing with Mr. Clark, the operator. Among the many here I further note Lieutenant Dabney, United States navy, wife and daughter; C. W. Biddle and wife, Pennsylvania; Major Graham, United States Marine Corps; Mr. Samuel Tardy. The troupe accordingly engaged board at a colored boarding-house near by, but legal proceedings are threatened.

A young Frenchman who arrived in New York on Wednesday by the steamer Labrador declares his intention of attempting to swim the Niagara whirlpool rapid in which Captain Webb lost his life. His original shires, is one of the oldest counties in the Old Dominion. It was formed in the Captain Web accordingly engaged board at a colored boardingly engaged by the standard authors, and were trong standard authors, and were trong standard authors, and were from enaction to Extra Mark and Dark States Marine Corps; Mr. Samuel Tardy, for the laughable comedy of "Popping the colony, and this spelling is uniformly employed in Henning.

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It is needless to say that the kind-hearted lady Mrs. Eubank is beloved by every

A young man with a seared look and straws in his unkempt locks handed me the following "pome" as I was about to seal this up. He said his name was Norseal this up. He said his name was Nor val, and that his father raised geese on the Grammar Hills, Hoboken, N. J.

A Wail from Healing. O. Healing Springs of wondrons power, Where giant oaks their great arms tower Above the emerald sward! Alas, I've sought your shades in vain To case me of the sad heart-pain That racks the wounded bard!

Your sylvan shades but mock my eyes, Your star-crowned hills no longer rise To glad my saddened soul. The leaden hours in sighs are spent Since from my gaze went M-k-t And streams between us roll.

There's Law and Cone and Burfoot, too, Also from Jersey McAdoo; They're" broken up" to-day. For Mary fair, the bright-eyed queen, In Heating's shaces cannot be seen; So sad I sing my lay.

To ease their pain and cease their sorrow From you, my friend, a rope l'il borrow. And swing them Haman-high; And as their forms sway in the vir. Kind reader, say for them a prayer, Your strangled poet's nigh.

If ever "Angus" goes to Richmond, dear *Dispatch*, please, for the sake of old friendship, see to it that he dies quick and that his grave is kept green.

Union.
[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

AYLETT'S, August 25, 1883. The largest and most enthusiastic gat ering of Sunday-school workers of all de minations that ever assembled in King William county met at Sharon Baptis hurch yesterday for the purpose of perfecting a county organization under the auspices of the "Virginia State Sunday-

The convention was organized by the election of the following officers: President, J. C. Cooke; Vice-Presidents, L. L. Littlepage, W. W. Dabney, William V. Croxton, and J. C. Blake; Secretary, T. F. Cocke; Treasurer, J. Bosher; Executive Committee, R. S. Ryland, H. C. Garratt, Wilson C. Powell, James M. Davis, and John D. Edwards.

School Union of all Denominations.

Interesting and instructive reports were received from the various schools, which showed good progress already made, but much yet for the Sunday-school workers

to accomplish in the county.

A number of carnest addresses were made on Sunday-school topics by Rev. Mr. Wickham, missionary of the American Sunday-School Union; Messrs, William Ellyson and H. L. Hill, of Richmond; and And amidst great enthusiasm, by a rising vote, the convention adopted as their motto, "Every Child in the County for

The good people of the neighborhood The chief credit for the success of the or ganization is due to the untiring and zeal ous efforts of James G. White, Esq., the efficient county superintendent of Sunday

Some time ago a dispatch was sent from St. Louise to Memphis, addressed to James Glies, pie clerk steamer Magenta. There was no man named Giles on the boat and the mesaage was not delivered, whereby a "Is this her picture?" asked Colonel James Gilespie, clerk of the Magenta,

Musical and Dramatic Notes

A new comic opera, Manon, will appear next winter at the Opera Comique, Paris. A festival will be held next year in Salis bury, England, with a chorus of 4,000 voices. Dr. Stainer is composing a great

Twenty-five thousand dollars have been stributed to the Mozart Denkmal in Vienna.

The first meeting of the Richard Wagner Association took place in Bayreuth on July The Madison-Square Theatre manage

ment will send out six companies this sea son against fourteen last year. Madame Modjeska gave a benefit to the

Children's Day Home at Baldwin's The atre, San Francisco, on the 7th instant. The bouse was densely crowded, and \$1,600 were realized. It is said that Billy Emerson, the well known minstrel, has purchased a large house and lot in San Francisco, 67x117 feet, for \$25,000, and intends to convert it

into a Home for Indigent Actors. Musical autographs were lately sold in London. One in French, by Handel, brought \$140; those by Haydn, Beethoven sohn, and Gluck brought also good

The Lily has got back home, and is reported to have said that she cleared \$125, 000 during her American tour, most of which "she has invested in New York bonds and mortgages, and that she holds mortgages on nearly half the houses in Fifth avenue."

If a success, John T. Raymond will make "The Rocket" his piece de resistance this season. Mr. Brooks paid the author \$2,000 for it, who also receives a nightly royalty. He guarantees, should the piece prove acceptable, to produce it one thousand times in America

Mlle, De Lussan, the well-known youn, ocalist, arrived in the city this week from Richfield Springs, She leaves in a few days for White Sulphur Springs, and on her return will remain here permanently

Bret Harte has submitted his new play, The Luck of Roaring Camp," to th Mallorys. They listened to a reading last week by the author, and were quite pleased with it, though it is doubtful if it will be produced at the Madison-Square Theatre, Mr. Harte's terms being enormously high For a new dramatic author he starts ou

The first production at Wallack's this season will be "Impulse," which has now run for nearly a year at St. James's Thea tre, London. It is an adaptation from the French, and has already been played in America under another name by a lady named Mitchell, who undertook to star in it but failed. The piece is said by those who remember it to be a pretty one, con-taining some good dramatic effects. Local managers, however, could not be induced to touch it; but as soon as it had gained some notoriety in England they were all crazy to bid for it, Mr. Wallack being the purchaser. But then many of our man-agers have no judgment, and depend en tirely upon that of the English manager. Healthy state of affairs, truly.-Music and

Marquise protested that this was quite unnecessary, as she trusted her implicitly; that she was a most exemplary girl in every way; that she supported an aged mother out of her savings, &c. The polite commissary bowed with the air of a man who is but half convinced, but said nothing further on the subject. Some time afterward the Marquise went down to her chateau in the department of Nievre, and only few days after her arrival there notes to the value of 20,000f. were abstracted from her bureau. The astute Tomasi was again communicated with. "This time, Madame," he said, "you must really allow ne to examine your governess.' think of the cruelty of suspecting a poor innocent girl." "If you will trust me," replied the commissary, "I will undertak that; if innocent, she shall never know o my suspicions." The governess was ac cordingly sent by her mistress a few day afterward on a mission to her hotel is

On her arrival there M. Tomasi met her and inquired whether anything fresh had transpired concerning the robbery. "No thing," said the girl. "Can you assist m in any way to find the culprit?" he in quired. "I know nothing," was the answer, "beyond that the whole affair is shrouded in mystery." "Mme. la Marquise has told me," he continued, "what a dutiful daughter you are." "I merely do
my duty," replied the girl, "and send some
of my poor savings occasionally to my
mother." "Indeed," said he, "but surely Madame must pay you a very high salary Three thousand four hundred francs, which I learn you sent your mother a few days ago, is rather a large sum." The gi turned very white, and was beginning The girl some romantic story about an admirer who had given her the money, when M. Tomasi who had been watching her dress atten-tively, laid his hand in a parental way or her arm, saying as he did so, "I take the greatest interest in your story, made-moiselle." He had observed that the sleeves of her dress had a very bulgy appearance, and as his fingers close arm there was a sound as though paper were being crushed. The governess saw that the game was up, and did the best thing she could under the circumstances she fainted. The commissary then opened the dress with a pair of scissors, and discovered a large portion of the missing notes neatly sewn to the lining. The gir then confessed the whole of her guilt, and not only the notes but most of the missing trinkets were restored to the too confiding

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